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Dear ~~Ms. Hewett~~ ^{Becky}:

I have reviewed four draft Preliminary Assessments and have the following comments:

Draft Preliminary Assessment
Industrial Box and Lumber Co., Inc.
Parsonsfield (Keezar Falls), ME
MED985468198

Pg 2, par 1: Change the sentence to read: "Mr. Richard Flynn ... has been identified as President and General Manager."

Pg 2 par 5: How far from the site does the surface water merge with the Ossipee (not Ossippee) River. Does this river end the 15 downstream surface water pathway?

Pg 3, par 2: Typo - "constitutes".

EPA concurs with the recommendation for a high priority Screening Site Inspection for Industrial Box and Lumber Co., Inc.

Draft Preliminary Assessment
Waterville Gas Works
Waterville, ME
MED985468032

General: Please number the pages in the final report.

Pg 2, par 2: What type of business is the Keyes Fiber Company?

Pg 2, par 3: How much soil was removed in May 1990?

Pg 4, par 3: Identify what "made land" is when it is first used. The author waits until the next paragraph to identify this term.

EPA concurs with the recommendation for a medium priority Screening Site Inspection for Waterville Gas Works.



Draft Preliminary Assessment
Robbins Property
Ellsworth, ME
MED985286939

General: Please include a detailed site sketch in addition to a site location map in the final report.

Pg 2, par 1: The site visit dates stated in this paragraph do not match those identified on Pg 3, par 4. Please clarify.

Pg 2, par 3: Complete the sentence: "The site is a one acre cleared lot situated in an area of low ...".

Pg 4, par 3: The author gives population and water supply information within a one mile radius of the site, what about the population and water supply information within a four mile radius of the site? State here that these 25 residences are served by private groundwater wells, as is stated in the conclusion.

Pg 4, par 5: In the future the author only needs to mention surface water bodies if they are along the surface water migration pathway.

Pg 5, par 1: Are the Branch Lake and the Branch Lake Stream (drinking water sources for the town of Ellsworth) along the 15 downstream mile pathway, i.e. is it possible for surface water runoff to flow south from the site directly to these surface water bodies or else via Union River?

Pg 5, Conclusions, #7: Clarify what is the water source for the town of Ellsworth - groundwater wells (private or public) or the Branch Lake and the Branch Stream.

EPA concurs with the recommendation for a high priority Screening Site Inspection for Robbins Property.

Draft Preliminary Assessment
Burt Company
Portland, ME
MED985468024

General: Clarify what was found in and outside the buildings. Keep in mind that CERCLA investigations pertain only to the exteriors while OSHA and other regulations deal with the interiors.

Pg 1, par 1: When was the site visit by BOHMC Response Services conducted? Was it part of this CERCLA PA? Did the September 20, 1990 "preliminary site assessment" include another visit to the site?

Pg 2, par 1: Check what borders the site to the east, the author has two lots (15 and 12) bordering to the west.

Pg 2, par 2: Figure 3 seems to show five buildings onsite, rather than three which is mentioned in the text. Also the text should describe the location and numbers of drums located onsite and depicted on Figure 3.

Pg 2, par 4: What is "Tech Sol"?

Pg 3, par 1: Summarize the sampling that took place, i.e. number, type, and location of samples collected including background, as well as type of analysis. Was this during the Response Services initial site visit?

Pg 4, par 1: In what direction from the site is Sebago Lake located? Clarify whether this lake is or is not along a potential surface water migration pathway?

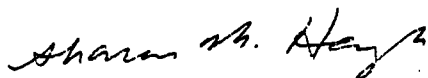
Pg 4, par 2: What is the distance from Back Cove to the Casco Bay system? Does this conclude the 15 downstream mile distance?

Pg 4, Recommendations, #1: What are the state and federal standards that are used for comparison?

EPA concurs with the recommendation for a high priority Screening Site Inspection for Burt Company.

If you should have any questions concerning these comments, please do not hesitate to call me at (617) 573-5709.

Sincerely,



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